

EC-977. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Service's annual report under the Government in the Sunshine Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-978. A communication from the Administrator of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tolerances for Moisture Meters" (RIN0580-AA60) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-979. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the Nebraska-Western Iowa Marketing Area; Termination of Certain Provisions of the Order" (Docket DA-98-11) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-980. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Quality and Handling Requirements and Entry Procedures for Imported Peanuts for 1999 and Subsequent Import Periods" (Docket FV98-999-1 FR) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-981. A communication from the Manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Administrative Regulations; Interpretations of Statutory and Regulatory Provisions" received on January 12, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-982. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Export Certification; Accreditation of Non-Government Facilities" (Docket 95-071-2) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-983. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pseudorabies in Swine; Payment of Indemnity" (Docket 98-123-2) received on January 12, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-984. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Veterinary Services User Fees; Embryo Collection Center Approval Fee" (Docket 98-005-2) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-985. A communication from the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's report on aircraft cabin air quality; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-986. A communication from the Associate Managing Director for Performance Evaluation and Records Management, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fees for Ancillary or Supplementary Use of Digital Television Spectrum Pursuant to Section 336(e)(1) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996" (Docket 97-247) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-987. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National

Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "High Seas Fishing Compliance Act; Vessel Identification and Reporting Requirements; OMB Control Numbers" (I.D. 040197B) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-988. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; 1999 Specifications" (I.D. 101598B) received on January 12, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-989. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands; Interim 1999 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish" (I.D. 122198A) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-990. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; Interim 1999 Harvest Specifications" (I.D. 121698B) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-991. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fishery; Minimum Clam Size for 1999" (I.D. 122398E) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-992. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Closures of Specific Groundfish Fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. 122898B) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-993. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Closures of Specified Groundfish Fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" (I.D. 122898C) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-994. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Last-in, First-out Inventories" (Rev. Rul. 99-4) received on January 5, 1999; to the Committee on Finance.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 302. A bill for the relief of Kerantha Poole-Christian; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. BURNS):

S. 303. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to enhance the ability of direct broadcast satellite and other multichannel video providers to compete effectively with cable television systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FRIST:

S. 304. A bill to improve air transportation service available to small communities; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. BRYAN):

S. 305. A bill to reform unfair and anti-competitive practices in the professional boxing industry; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FRIST:

S. 306. A bill to regulate commercial air tours overflying the Great Smokey Mountains National Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. BURNS):

S. 303. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to enhance the ability of direct broadcast satellite and other multichannel video providers to compete effectively with cable television systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

THE SATELLITE TELEVISION ACT OF 1999

● Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, over the past several years some satellite TV companies routinely broke the law by selling customers distant network stations when they weren't authorized to.

These customers bought the service in good faith. For many, especially those in rural areas, these distant network stations are the only source of decent network TV reception. For others, they provide a window on life in a distant city.

Despite the fact that these satellite TV customers had no intention of breaking the law, and despite the fact that many welcome the added diversity these distant network stations provide, and despite the fact that the law prevents satellite TV companies from transmitting local network stations, many of these customers—perhaps as many as two million of them—are within weeks of losing their distant network stations, thanks to a court order secured by local TV stations, and TV network broadcasters. And the way the law is written, there's not much the FCC or anybody else can do to stop it—unless we change the law.

Mr. President, that's what I propose to do. Today, with the cosponsorship of Senator CONRAD BURNS, I am introducing the Satellite Television Act of 1999. Together with legislation introduced earlier this week by myself and Senators HATCH, LEAHY, DEWINE, KOHL,